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EXDIS DISTRIBUTE AS NODIS FOR DR BRZEZINSKI

FOL TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO AMMAN BEIRUT CAIRO DAMASCUS  
JIDDA JERUSALEM TEL AVIV USUN NEW YORK FROM KUWAIT DTD 19 OCT  
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EXDIS TREAT AS NODIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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1. I MET OCT. 19 WITH ACTING FONMIN ABDUL-AZIZ HUSAIN  
(SABAH AL-AHMED WILL NOT BE BACK UNTIL END OF WEEK) TO  
URGE GOK TO DO WHAT IT COULD TO ASSURE IMPLEMENTATION OF  
FINAL STAGE OF SHTAURA AGREEMENT ON SOUTH LEBANON (REF. A).  
MINISTER HUSAIN RECALLED MY SEPT. 27 DEMARCHE ON THIS SUBJECT  
WHICH OCCURRED JUST BEFORE CROWN PRINCE/PRIMIN SHAIKH  
JABER AL-AHMED WAS TO MEET WITH TOP KUWAIT FATAH LEADER  
(REF. B). HUSAIN SAID THAT SHAIKH JABER AL-AHMED HAD  
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URGED FATAH TO SUPPORT THE SHTAURA AGREEMENT AND THAT  
FATAH LEADER APPEARED RESPONSIVE TO HIS APPROACH.  
HOWEVER, RECENT REPORTS FROM KUWAITI EMBASSY IN BEIRUT  
INDICATED A DETERIORATING SITUATION IN SOUTH LEBANON.

2. I SAID THAT I COULD CONFIRM THIS FACT OF  
DETERIORATION AND THEN PROCEEDED TO REVIEW THE MAJOR

POINTS PROVIDED IN REF. A FOR ALL ADDRESSEES, WHILE HUSAIN TOOK CAREFUL NOTES. AFTER I HAD COMPLETED MY PRESENTATION, HE RAISED A QUESTION ABOUT THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE "PHALANGISTS." DRAWING ON MATERIAL IN REF. A PROVIDED FOR DAMASCUS, I EXPLAINED THAT SUCH WITHDRAWAL WAS NOT AN ELEMENT OF THE SHTAURA AGREEMENT AND WAS IN OUR VIEW AN UNWORKABLE DEMAND. I OBSERVED FURTHER THAT THE CHRISTIAN MILITIA WAS COMPOSED OF LEBANESE CITIZENS, A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF WHOM HAVE BEEN DEFENDING THE AREAS WHERE THEIR FAMILIES HAVE LIVED. I COULD NOT PREDICT WHAT WOULD BE THE EVENTUAL DISPOSITION OF THIS CHRISTIAN MILITIA, BUT CLEARLY FIRST THE PALESTINIANS HAD TO BE MOVED OUT AND REPLACED BY REGULAR LEBANESE ARMY FORCES BEFORE ANY FURTHER PACIFICATION OF THE AREA COULD BE CONTEMPLATED.

3. MINISTER HUSAIN SAID THAT HE WOULD CHECK TO SEE IF THERE WERE ANY PROMINENT PLO LEADERS IN KUWAIT TODAY OR TOMORROW AND WOULD DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH THEM, SINCE HE FELT THAT IT WAS NOT PRODUCTIVE TO RAISE THE MATTER WITH THE LOCAL PLO OFFICE. HE PROMISED THAT THE GOK WOULD TRY TO DO THE BEST IT COULD IN THIS MATTER.

4. I EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE GOK COULD USE ITS CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE WITH THE PLO, WHICH RECEIVES GENEROUS SUPPORT FROM KUWAIT, TO CONTROL THE REJECTIONISTS  
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AND OBSERVE THE SHTAURA AGREEMENT WITHOUT SEEKING TO IMPOSE ADDITIONAL DEMANDS WHICH I HAD POINTED OUT WERE UNACCEPTABLE TO THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT.  
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